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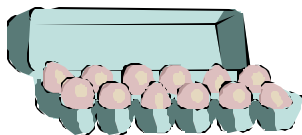
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Generally prices in some of major terminal markets were making weekly lower changes on larger sizes and usually unchanged on lighter weights. In other market areas values were unchanged when compared to earlier reports. The market tone ranged from barely steady to steady as traders evaluate current and anticipated movement for the up coming weekend, especially where features were either being planned or in progress. Current retail demand was usually no better than moderate. Supplies of the larger sizes continued to be reported as adequate to available, and lighter sizes were mostly sufficient for full needs. Breaking stock offerings were mostly adequate to ample from regular suppliers and demand for additional product was generally limited. Light type fowl were mostly ample for current processing schedules, which ranged from normal to heavy.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 6 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent lower for mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums, when based on previous week average prices. Prices paid to producers in New England were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Demand was usually fair to moderate, and slightly better for the occasional promotion. Supplies of large eggs were available to ample, and the medium sizes were generally adequate to balanced. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate for the light demand. Light type hens were ample for the light demand.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was no better than steady. Demand was mostly fair to moderate, best for the occasional feature activity. Supplies for the larger eggs were available to ample, and mediums were generally adequate to balanced.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 5 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium and small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were not changed. The trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was fair with some scattered feature activity providing extra interest. Food service movement was moderate to at times good. Supplies were available to ample for the larger sizes and adequate for the balance of the sizes. Central states nest runbreaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was mostly light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks were balanced to long. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where limited features are planned or in progress. Supplies generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta prices were lower on large and extra large, in Florida prices were lower on mediums and heavier sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was somewhat cautious and usually ranged from about steady to steady. Retail demand was light to moderate but expectations of improvement for next week as additional retail features develop. Supplies of larger sizes were adequate to available, mediums in a slightly better position. Graded loose egg inquiry was usually moderate into resort areas. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample from regular suppliers for the light and limited demand. Offerings of light type fowl were ample for processing schedules which ranged from normal to heavy.

**WESTERN** Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 8% higher than last Monday with California up 11% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 3%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	84-86	76-78	55-57
New York	54-56	51-54	45-48
Philadelphia	52-56	50-54	44-45

<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	43-44	41.5-43	37-38
Jackson (1)	53-54	50-51	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	50-62	46-60	42-56

<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	40-45	39-44	36-41
Detroit (2)	37-40	36-39	32-35
Major Ohio Cities (2)	38-45.5	37-44	33-38
Major Wisconsin Cities	41-48	39-46	36-43

<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	58-61	54-56	48-51
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	78	71	68

(1) - Prices reported weekly  
(2) - Delivered Warehouse  
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 11% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 48. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 99, buy 1 get 1 free.PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

		RANGE	
JUMBO		90	
EXTRA LARGE		78	
LARGE		71	
MEDIUM		68	
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	219-249
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	199-239
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	179-219
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	139-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 12, 2000 will increase by 14 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 05, 2000 were 195,919 cases which was 15 percent below the prior week and 8 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	162,294	33,625	195,919
% change from the prior week.....	-17	+0	-15

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was mostly light with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to long. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE	MOSTLY	
NEST RUN	25-28	26
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-13	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow with prices generally unchanged from the past period. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-17	10-12	11.00

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority trading was unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Buyers were cautious and unaggressive. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for processing needs. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Cannerys were usually adequate or available. Market conditions were barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	7.5-10	10.23
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM May 08, 2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.8	12.9	9.4	14.7	9.3	53.1
	Change	0.0	-2.4	-0.7	0.5	1.4	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.5	34.0	11.6	31.1	19.6	112.8
	Change	-0.8	-3.7	0.2	2.4	3.2	1%
Large	Curr Wk	28.4	99.3	67.4	84.7	90.4	370.2
	Change	-1.8	0.2	4.5	8.4	1.4	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.3	23.7	12.5	15.4	24.1	87.0
	Change	-0.3	-1.9	0.1	-1.3	3.2	0%
Small	Curr Wk	2.9	6.4	1.2	3.3	5.7	19.5
	Change	-1.3	1.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	16.3	7.8	11.5	5.3	44.8
	Change	0.6	-0.6	1.1	-0.3	-0.6	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.3	50.9	16.2	26.8	47.1	163.3
	Change	2.8	-2.7	3.8	-1.3	5.8	5%
Total	Curr Wk	92.1	243.5	126.1	187.5	201.5	850.7
Percent	Change	-1%	-4%	8%	5%	8%	3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	850.7	3%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	400.6	-2%	39

Total Shell Egg 1251.3 1% 209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	163	159.9	150.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 24, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	127	127	117	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 5, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
14.75								7.00				21.75			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	28.00	—	28.00	30.00	—	—	6.00	GL W J	40.00	—	—	—	—	50.00	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	37.00	42.00	—	—	—	38.00	1.50
GL W XL	—	—	—	34.00	29.25	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	.50
GL W LG	37.00	—	26.00	28.50	25.00	—	4.50	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	34.50	1.00
GL W MD	28.00	—	28.00	30.00	—	—	2.00	GL BR J	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	.25
GL BR J	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 48	—	—	26.50	28.00	25.00	27.00	4.50								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/01/00-05/07/00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
96.75								39.25				136.00			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	29.25	—	29.50	31.00	31.14	32.13	36.00	GNR W 1	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	38.33	—	—	—	—	48.33	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	27.50	29.00	28.25	31.00	5.00	GL W XL	30.59	34.83	—	—	—	37.84	18.50
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	23.00	24.25	2.00	GL W LG	30.11	42.00	—	—	—	36.74	16.00
GL W XL	—	34.00	38.50	36.33	31.61	29.00	19.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	34.75	3.00
GL W LG	37.00	—	30.67	31.50	26.00	26.57	12.75	GL BR J	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	.25
GL W MD	29.00	30.00	29.09	30.33	27.00	—	14.25								
GL W SM	—	—	20.50	22.00	—	—	2.00								
GL BR J	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 48	—	—	26.50	28.00	25.00	26.33	12.50								
NRBS - 45	12.00	13.00	—	—	—	—	1.0								

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 04/23/00 - 04/29/00**

Origin State	CO	IN	IA	MN	MO	MT	OH	OR	SD	UT	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	1,977	0	0	0	0	1,649	0	720	4,346
C. CA	2,210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	720	2,930
S. CA	2,153	860	7,936	6,208	790	0	3,020	0	600	333	21,900
TTL STATE	4,363	860	9,913	6,208	790	0	3,020	1,649	600	1,773	29,176

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	65-68	57-60	36-39	14-17

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
45-48	36-42	34-39	30-35	23-27

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
20-22	18-20	13-15

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
60.69	52.53	42.18

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	5/1/00	4/24/00	5/3/99
PACIFIC COAST	467	431	171
LOS ANGELES	359	307	76

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR MAY 2, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.43
LARGE	143-150	148.21
MEDIUM	124-135	132.33
SMALL	105-109	106.01

Receipts from the mainland: 4/23/00-4/29/00  
30-dozen cases 2,859

Receipts from the mainland: 4/16/00-4/22/00  
30-dozen cases 5,286

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